



## Edward Menges, Jr.

May 12, 2009

Edward H. Menges, Jr. was born September 18, 1945 in Pittsburg, PA to parents Jean A. and Edward H. Menges, Sr. 'Kip' had a close extended family and was an active member of the Third Presbyterian Church. He attended Grove City College in PA where he was a swimmer, member of Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity and graduated in 1967 with a BA in Political Science. Ed enlisted in the US Army in 1967; served in the Old Guard, where he participated in Pres. Eisenhower's State Funeral and the inauguration of Pres. Nixon; completed a tour in Vietnam from 1969-70; and was honorably discharged as 1st Lt. Ed was awarded a Silver Star, four Bronze Stars, the Air Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. Ed married Lucia Porter of Quincy, FL in 1969. Ed and Lucia moved to Lakewood, CO where he was Director of Personnel for the City. His first daughter, Sarah, was born in 1975. In 1980, Ed moved to the Ft. Collins area where he spent the duration of his life raising a family, building community ties and life-long friendships. In 1983, Ed married Cheryl Kistler of Ft. Collins. Ed and Cheri had a son, Michael, in 1984 and daughter Melissa in 1986. He was also a stepfather to Cheri's son, Mark McConnell. Ed owned and operated Coors' Marshall Distributing, later managed Michael Ricker Pewter, and most recently worked at Markley Motors. Among his many contributions to the community, Ed sat on the CSU Ram Booster Board of Directors, was Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce, Board member and Pres. of the Ft. Collins Country Club, Chairman of the United Way Campaign, and taught business at CSU. Above all, Ed's family was always the most important

aspect of his life. He was a dedicated and proud father, caring son, loving Grandpa, respected brother, valued friend, coach, and admired small business mentor. He also loved time spent with his friends, playing golf, and reading. Ed passed away at Poudre Valley Hospital on May 12, 2009. Gratefully, he had a short bout with cancer. Ed is survived by his mother Jean Menges; sister Carol Lee; brothers Jay, Tom, and Richard Menges; son Michael Menges; daughters Melissa Menges and Sarah Tomlinson; her husband Dustin; and two grandchildren Jordan and Gracie Tomlinson. Ed's memorial service will be held Sunday, May 24 at 2:30 pm in First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College Ave, Ft. Collins. A celebration of his life will follow at Pappy's Corner Pub 1027 W. Horsetooth, Ft. Collins. The family requests that any memorial contributions be made in Ed's name to his long-time favorite charity, United Way of Larimer County, 424 Pine St, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

WR

“ I just read in our Alumni Magazine of the passing of Ed. Ed and I were on the swim team at Grove City college around 1963. Ed was a great backstroker and an inspiration to the rest of us on the team. Had I known that he was only a few miles up the road from where I live I should have liked to visit with him. My sincere condolences to the entire family. William Rosquist

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**William Rosquist** - October 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. We were so sad to learn about Ed's death....we were customers. He sold us 3 or more vehicles.... he was just the nicest man.....we'll drive our "honda's" forever.....because we would not want another person to help us! Our Prayers and thoughts...

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**Pat and Karen Hand** - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Edward but I was a high school classmate of his Brother Jay and just wanted to send my condolences and prayers to the entire Menges Family. And especially to his Wonderful Mother, Mrs. Edward H. Menges, Sr. Jean, I pray that God will hold you closer to thee and give and provide you with extra strength and comfort during this time and to ease the heaviness in your heart in the months and years ahead. And to her and Jay, although we all feel that no time is a good or right time, as Christians, we know that Ed was chosen by God to leave you, his loving mother and brother, his other brothers and sisters, children, grandchildren, aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews, and his extended family being his church family, and the many friends he made growing up and through the years, coworkers and neighbors, to go home now. Among all the tears, may there also be great memories and feelings of peace and happiness when reflecting on Ed's life and all those he touched and made the world a better place by him being part of it. Go with God Ed and Bless You and Yours.

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**Cynthia Irwin** - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Kip's family, I was so very sorry to hear of Kip's death. I have fond memories of growing up on Lake Erie in Northeast, Pa. with Kip and all of my cousins. Please know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time and in the days ahead. Sincerely, Jim Menges and family

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**Jim Menges** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Mike, Melissa and Sarah, We are sorry for your loss. Ed was a great Dad, a wonderful friend and a truly good person. We will all miss him. If you ever need anything, next week or years from now, please know we are here and will do whatever we can for you. We Love You-Gary, Rhonda, Casey & Ryan

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**Bickel Family** - May 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I was so sorry to hear about Ed. What a good friend he was to all of us. Ft. Collins won't be the same without him. I am praying for all of you.

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**Jackie Dunham** - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Jean, Sarah, Michael, and Mellissa; As Christians we are prepared for death but it is still hard to let go of those we love especially when death is unexpected, but the loss of Kip is especially hard... I have so many wonderful fond memories of Kip - the summers at Lake Erie, living in Pittsburgh near each other and having many family get-togethers for holidays and birthdays, and then later weddings, and visits to his homes and meeting his children, family reunions at Northeast and Snow Mountain Ranch in Estes Park and of the last time I saw Kip when he stopped to visit to visit me after a reunion at Grove City...Memories of a wonderful father, son, and nephew will help sustain us all. Please know that my thoughts and prayers and love have been and will continue to be with each one of you, especially tomorrow.. Aunt Peggy

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**Margaret G. Menges** - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I was saddened to hear about Ed's passing. We worked together in Lakewood. I will always cherish my memories of Ed. His compassion for people who needed assistance and support was inspirational.

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**John T. Maxwell** - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ To the family: Please accept our deepest sympathy and heart felt condolences. We're praying for the whole family. Asking the God's peace and comfort will be known by you in the ways that only He can provide, and that you'll be encouraged to draw closer to Him drawing on His grace. We love you, Bob and Tricia Menges

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**Robert Menges** - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ When Dad would visit his cousin Jean Menges we always heard stories of her children and grandchildren. Always proud to tell of all their adventures. We feel like we know all of you yet we have only met a few members of her family. Our prayers are with you all. Love your relatives in PA!

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**Jan Liesinger- Maharg & Ruth & JoAnn** - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ God Bless Ed. He was an incredibly humble man. Great freind. A natural leader. Our sincere condolences to his children and family. I am proud to say I knew him ,and sorry to say how much I will miss him.

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**Matt and Chris Voegtle** - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ Dear Menges Family, I am so sad to hear of Ed's passing. His friendship meant the world to me. He was a mentor to me when I was at the country club, when I was in school, and when I bought my honda from him. I will cherish the times we spent socially as well. He will be missed. God bless you all, my sincerest condolences. Nancee

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**Nancee VandeYacht-Stuart** - May 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We were saddened to learn of Ed's passing. I had only known him for a short time, but knew he was a special person. We talked about our service in Vietnam, living life with PTSD, and visited the VA Clinic together. Condolences to the family. May peace be with you. Respectfully, Tony & Janet Seahorn

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**Tony Seahorn** - May 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM